

Report on the

Law Library Fund

Colbert County, Alabama

September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021

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Dear Madam:

An examination was conducted on the Law Library Fund, Colbert County, Alabama, for the period September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, by Examiners David Quick and Madison McGuire. I, David Quick, served as Examiner-in-Charge on the engagement, and under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-19, I hereby swear to and submit this report to you on the results of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

David Quick
Examiner of Public Accounts

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SUMMARY

**Law Library Fund
Colbert County, Alabama
September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021**

The Law Library Fund, Colbert County, Alabama, (hereinafter referred to as the “Law Library Fund”) was established pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 45-17-80, which provides for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and financing of a public law library for Colbert County. The management and control of the Law Library Fund is vested in an Advisory Committee consisting of two members of the Colbert County Bar Association and the Presiding Circuit Judge of the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit, who serves as the Librarian. Funding sources for the Law Library Fund are primarily derived from law library fees taxed as court costs and collected on all cases in the Circuit, District, and Municipal Courts of Colbert County.

This report presents the results of an examination of the Law Library Fund and a review of the Law Library Fund’s compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alabama in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-12.

Tests performed during the examination did not disclose any significant instances of noncompliance with applicable state or local laws and regulations.

EXIT CONFERENCE

The officials and advisory committee members, as reflected on Exhibit 2, were invited to an exit conference to discuss the results of the examination. The following individual attended the exit conference: Jaqueline Hatcher, Presiding Circuit Judge. Representing the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts were: Denise H. Olive, Audit Manager and Maddie McGuire, Examiner.

Financial Information

Summary of Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balance
September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021

Receipts

Law Library Fees	\$ 68,737.39
Interest Income	44.93
Total Receipts	<u>68,782.32</u>

Disbursements

Salaries and Benefits	18,731.68
Travel	13,078.74
Dues	1,024.00
Telephone and Internet	10,085.63
Research Services	<u>38,870.34</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>81,790.39</u>

Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements (13,008.07)

Balance - September 1, 2016 14,447.92

Balance - June 30, 2021 \$ 1,439.85

Additional Information

Advisory Committee Members and Officials
September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021

Committee Members		Term Expires
John Kennemer	Member	2021
Randall Keith Worsham	Member	2021
<u>Officials</u>		
Hon. Jacqueline M. Hatcher	Presiding Circuit Judge	2025
Hon. Harold V. Hughston, Jr.	Former Presiding Circuit Judge	2019